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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Via this letter I would like to request that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada as the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and I feel that the Department of Energy has identified a suitable location. I think that you will agree that storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications in order to withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to President Bush.

Sincerely,

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